श्री रुद्रनारायण पाणि: वित्त मंत्री हमको दें ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति: सुन लीजिए, सुन लीजिए।

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: The money that is given by the Government of India to Orissa has been wasted and not utilised properly. Now they are asking for ....*(Interruptions)*....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please, let the hon. Minister reply.

PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: I can assure the hon. Member that there is no question of any discrimination. It depends on how you file facts. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Expansion of Air Services in Madhya Pradesh

†*163. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has submitted proposals to the Central Government on 26th May and 6th December, 2006 for expansion of air services in the State;

(b) whether these proposals have been considered seriously and the results thereof;

(c) the details of proposals which are likely to be considered;

(d) by when the project for upgrading Khajuraho, Bhopal and Indore airports to international level would be completed; and

(e) the reasons for delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) There have been requests from State Government of Madhya Pradesh for extension of runways at Bhopal, Indore and Khajuraho. State Government has provided 387.50 acres, 137 acres and 355.66 acres of land respectively which has been handed over to Airports Authority of India free of cost for development of these airports for begger aircraft operations.

There is also request for provision of night landing facilities and upgradation of airport for B-737-800/AB-318/AB-319 type of aircraft operations. State Government is being requested to provide the additional land to Airports Authority of India (AAI) free of cost and free from all encumbrances. AAI is developing and upgrading the facilities at these airports which are comparable to international standards.

(d) and (e) The airports at Bhopal, Indore and Khajuraho have been included for development/upgradation in the list of 35 select non-metro airports. Airports Authority of India has plans for construction of new terminal building, new technical block cum control tower and extension of runway etc. at Bhopal airport construction of new integrated terminal building, new apron with their associated infrastructure and extension of runway at Indore airport; and construction of new apron, taxiway and new terminal building at Khajuraho airport. All these works are expected to be completed by 2009. Further, Jabalpur Airport is planned to be upgraded by provision of night landing facilities, construction of technical

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block cum control tower, fire station, work shop and allied facilities including upgradation of airport for B-737-800 / AB-319/AB-318 type of aircraft operations. The requirement of additional land is being worked out and the same will be intimated to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for its acquisition and handing over the same to Airports Authority of India, free of cost and free from all encumbrances.

Development of pilot training institutes in the country

*166. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of pilot training institutes (public and private) in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that paucity of such institutes leads to Indian youths having to spend a fortune on getting the said training abroad;

(c) if so, the details of the steps Government is going to take to tackle this problem;

(d) whether Government is mulling over any plan to introduce these institutes at various airports of Madhya Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) There are 43 flying training institutes in the country approved by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) providing training for various licences like Private Pilot Licence, Commercial Pilot Licence etc. The Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) is an autonomous society under the Central Government. Of the remaining 42 institutes, 27 are run by various State Governments and the balance 15 by private enterpreneurs.

(b) and (c) Training in India or abroad is a matter of individual choice of the trainee. The existing flying training institutes in India are trying to cope with the increasing demand of pilots in the industry. To further ease the situation, the Government has taken various steps. These include upgradation and modernisation of training infrastructure of Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) to enhance its training capacity, setting up of a world class flying training institute at Gondia, Maharashtra and assistance to flying clubs by allocating trainer aircraft through the Directorate General of Civil Aviation/Aero Club of India.

(d) There is no proposal to develop and flying training institute under the aegis of Government of India in Madhya Pradesh.

(e) Does not arise.

Production of cars

*167 SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the current production of cars in the country, with details of the last three years;

(b) the details of new tie-ups in the next few years;

(c) whether it is a fact that road infrastructure available in the country does not permit production of more cars; and

(d) if so, whether Government is considering a proposal to freeze production of more cars?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) As per Society of Indian Automobile